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1. Of all the DAHA trade agencies (Fachanstalten) which handle the foreign trade of the DDR, the DAHA Machinery and Electrical Equipment (DAHA-Maschinen und Elektrotechnik) is the most important. Under the jurisdiction of this office is the particularly significant Import Section 6 (Importabteilung 6), which is under the direction of Hänfler, fnu. Every import or export transaction in which the various DAHA organizations are involved must have the approval of Import Section 6. This applies not only to DAHA-Maschinen und Elektrotechnik, but also to the sister offices for optics, ceramics, etc.*
2. Import Section 6 has its own Office for Economic Planning (Planwirtschaftsstelle). This office has a special planning group in every branch of the DAHA Machinery and Electrotechnology. All these planning offices are in turn connected with the State Commission for Planning as well as with the State Secretariat for Raw Material Procurement (Staatssekretariat für Materialbeschaffung). Hänfler, as head of Import Section 6, is the technical and commercial specialist, while his deputy, Strenge, fnu,** who is the Party man in the Section, handles liaison with the various governmental offices. Strenge, a machinery and machine tool expert, formerly worked for Siemens in Berlin. He is approximately 48 years of age and is more than a mere political activist.
3. According to an advertising brochure prepared by DAHA in May 1951, DAHA Machinery and Electrical Equipment is divided into two main branches, DAHA-Maschinen and DAHA-Elektro. Each branch is broken down into a number of offices ("Kontore").***

g. DAHA-Maschinen

Kontor 11: Boilers, turbines, diesel, gas and steam engines, steel structures.

Kontor 12: Metallurgical and mining installations, forged rolls, mining and carburizing equipment, raising installations, equipment for peat and bituminous coal plants and for glassworks.

Kontor 13: Cranes, winches, loading machinery.

Kontor 14: Dredges, asphalt and concrete mixers, rollers, crushers, mills, foundry equipment.

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Kontor 21: Compressors, refrigeration plants

Kontor 22: Chemical and laboratory equipment, pumps

Kontor 23: Air-conditioning units, ventilators, fire-fighting equipment

Kontor 24: Industrial fittings and valves

Kontor 31: Lathes, milling, boring, polishing, broaching, and slotting machines, grinders and saws.

Kontor 32: Presses, hydraulic presses, power hammers and riveters, shears, roller and slide bearings

Kontor 33: Wood-working machinery

Kontor 41: Machinery for the food industry

Kontor 42: Agricultural machinery

Kontor 43: Railroad rolling stock, ships

Kontor 44: Automobiles, trucks, busses, trailers, motorcycles, bicycles, tractors

Kontor 51: Textile machinery

Kontor 52: Looms, spools, felt processing equipment

Kontor 53: Equipment for light industry: shoe machinery, knitting and sewing machines, leather and shoemaking machines, washing machines

b. DAHA-Elektro

Kontor 11: Electric motors, generators, low-tension switches

Kontor 12: Transformers, high-tension switches, rectifiers

Kontor 13: Electric furnaces and filters

Kontor 21: Telecommunications equipment, electro-acoustical equipment, loading coils

Kontor 22: Radio transmitting and receiving equipment

Kontor 23: Electro-therapy and X-ray equipment, incandescent lamps and tubes

Kontor 31: Cables and wire, accumulators and batteries

Kontor 32: Electrical household and industrial equipment, installation material, lighting fixtures

25X1A * [REDACTED] Comment: The relation of Import Section 6 to DAHA-Maschinen und Elektrotechnik and to other trade agencies of DAHA as described in this report is not clear. The report seems to state that the Import Section 6 which is a subdivision of one trade agency of DAHA, viz., DAHA-Maschinen und Elektrotechnik, also performs the same functions for the other trade agencies of DAHA. However, other trade agencies were reported earlier this year to have their own import chiefs (see [REDACTED] Attachment) or import sections (see [REDACTED] para. 1, 2h). Import Section 6 was identified in a report for mid-December 1950 as the DAHA Section responsible for the purchasing of machinery for Eastern Germany (see [REDACTED] para. 1). It is possible that the present report wishes to state only that the other trade agencies of DAHA have import sections which perform the same functions for them as Import Section 6 performs for DAHA-Maschinen and Elektrotechnik.

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25X1A ** ~~_____~~ Comment: Apparently identical with Strenger (fna), identified
in mid-December 1950 as the chief of Import Section 6 ~~_____~~, para 1).

25X1A *** ~~_____~~ Comment: These appear to be the "Fachkontore" which were proposed
as subdivisions to replace the "Länderreferate" on 19 January 1951 ~~_____~~.

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